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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Official Action dated January 26, 2005.

Amendments

Claim 159 has been amended to an independent form by incorporating the elements defined by claims 155 and 157. Consequently, claims 155 and 157 have been cancelled, and claims 156, 158, 160, 161, 164, 167, 168 and 170 have been amended so as to depend from new claim 159.

We submit that these amendments do not introduce any new matter.

Claim Objections

Claim 159 has also been amended to address the omission identified by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Applicant strongly contests that US 6,037,957 to Grande et al, has any disclosure or suggestion of an interconnect means connected to only one edge of the printhead. However, to expedite prosecution and grant, claim 159 has been amended into an independent form. We note that the Examiner considers that the subject matter of claim 159 to be allowable if presented as an independent claim. As the remaining claims are directly or indirectly appended to claim 159, we trust that they are likewise allowable.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the claim rejections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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